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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): An apparatus that provides digital broadcast television programs to a subscriber, comprising:

a receiver module that receives program data and a local authorization code, wherein the authorization code allows the digital broadcast television programs to be decrypted for viewing;

a transmitter that sends a program selection to a remote site, wherein the program selection is made from the program data; and

a memory coupled to the receiver module, ~~the memory for storing the received authorization code, wherein when the program selection is received at the remote site, the remote site sends the local authorization code, and wherein the local authorization code is stored in the memory until needed for decrypting the selected program at a future time, wherein when the program selection is received at the remote site, the remote site sends the local authorization code.~~

2. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a processor that processes the received local authorization code to decrypt the digital broadcast television programs, wherein the receiver module includes a first receiver and a second receiver.

3. (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the receiver module, the processor, the transmitter and the memory are contained in a set top terminal operably connected to a television, wherein the receiver module receives the digital broadcast television programs, and wherein when decrypted, the selected program is viewed on the television.

4. (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the television is an analog television, and wherein the set top terminal converts digital programs to analog programs for display on the analog television.

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5. (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first receiver, the transmitter, and the processor are contained on a smart card incorporated into a digital television.
6. (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the second receiver is incorporated into the digital television, wherein the second receiver receives the digital broadcast television programs, and wherein the digital television displays the selected broadcast television program.
7. (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the receiver module, the processor, the transmitter, and the memory are contained on a smart card incorporated into a digital television, and wherein the digital television comprises a third receiver that receives the digital broadcast television programs.
8. (original): The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the digital television further comprises a demultiplexer that demultiplexes the received digital broadcast television programs.
9. (original): The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the first receiver, the processor and the transmitter are incorporated in a personal computer, and wherein the program data are displayed on a display of the personal computer.
10. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the second receiver and the memory are incorporated into a digital television, wherein the second receiver receives the digital television programs and the local authorization code, the digital television comprising a processor that processes the received local authorization code to decrypt the digital broadcast television programs.
11. (original): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the personal computer comprises a connector that couples the personal computer to a digital television, the second receiver and the memory are incorporated into the digital television, the second receiver receives the digital broadcast television programs, and wherein the first receiver receives the local

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authorization code and the personal computer sends the local authorization code to the digital television, the digital television comprising a processor that processes the received local authorization code to decrypt the digital broadcast television programs.

12. (original): The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the connector is one of a radio frequency connector, an infra red connector and a wired connector.

13. (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the wired connector comprises RS-232 connections and an RS-232 cable.

14. (cancelled).

15. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a broadcast interface that receives the digital broadcast television programs, wherein the broadcast interface comprises one of a radio frequency connector, a telephone modem, a cable modem, a wireless modem, an asymmetric digital subscriber line connector, an integrated digital services network connector, T1 and T3 lines, a fiber optic connector, and a local area net connector and a satellite antenna connector.

16. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a demultiplexer, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are multiplexed with the local authorization code, and wherein the demultiplexer demultiplexes the local authorization code and the digital broadcast television programs.

17 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program data is program guide data, further comprising a remote control, wherein the remote control sends commands to scroll the program guide data and to select a desired program for viewing.

18. (cancelled).

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19. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided over a cable television network.
20. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided via over-the-air broadcast.
21. (original): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the over-the-air broadcast is provided from a national broadcaster.
22. (original): The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the over-the-air broadcast is provided from a broadcast affiliate.
23. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided via satellite broadcast.
24. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the remote site includes one of a local cable system, a broadcast affiliate and a national broadcaster.
25. (original): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the transmitter sends the program selection to a local cable system, the local cable system returning the local authorization code.
26. (original): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the local authorization code is multiplexed with the digital broadcast television programs.
27. (original): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the transmitter sends the program selection to a broadcast affiliate, the broadcast affiliate returning the local authorization code.
28. (original): The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the local authorization code is multiplexed with the digital broadcast television programs.

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29. (original): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the transmitter sends the program selection to a national broadcaster, the national broadcaster returning the local authorization code.
30. (original): The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the local authorization code is multiplexed with the digital broadcast television programs.
31. (original): The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the remote site comprises an order and authorization system, the order and authorization system receiving the program selection and generating an authorization signal, the authorization signal providing the local authorization code.
32. (original): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the order and authorization system is collocated with one of the local cable company, the broadcast affiliate and the national broadcaster.
33. (original): The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the order and authorization system includes a billing system, the billing system receiving the authorization request and generating a billing record.
34. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the billing system debits a subscriber's account.
35. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the billing system sends the billing record to a subscriber for payment.
36. (original): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the billing system charges a subscriber's credit card account.

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37. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the remote site comprises a web page of an Internet, wherein the web page includes the program data and generates an authorization request.
38. (original): The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the remote site further comprises an order and authorization system coupled to the web page, the order and authorization system receiving the authorization request and generating an authorization signal, the authorization signal providing the local authorization code.
39. (original): The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the order and authorization system includes a billing system, the billing system receiving the authorization request and generating a billing record.
40. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the local authorization code, comprises:
an identification code; and
an address; and
one or more program identifiers, wherein the identification code uniquely identifies the apparatus receiving program access authorization, the address identifies the geographical location of the apparatus and routing instructions, and the one or more program identifiers specify the digital broadcast television programs that are authorized for viewing.
41. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection comprises an event, the apparatus receiving authorization for a single display of the event.
42. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection comprises an event, the apparatus receiving authorization for multiple displays of the event.
43. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection comprises a subscription.

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44. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection is for a specialty channel.
45. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection is a hit movie channel.
46. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection is a high definition television channel.
47. (original): The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the subscription is for a speciality program.
48. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection is a series of sporting events.
49. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program data comprises a menu of available programs.
50. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu is a barker channel.
51. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu is a list of available programs.
52. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu includes program rating, year of production, and program biographical data.
53. (original): The apparatus of claim 52, wherein the biographical data includes a list of actors and a program summary.

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54. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu includes a hypertext link to a web site on an Internet.
55. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu is displayed in a picture-in-picture format with a display of the program selection.
56. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu includes submenus.
57. (original): The apparatus of claim 56, wherein the submenus include a program selection confirmation submenu and a program description submenu.
58. (original): The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the menu includes overlay menus and hidden menus.
59. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the menu is displayed on a web page of an Internet, the web page including a home page and additional pages, the home page and the additional pages accessible by operation of forward, back and home buttons.
60. (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program selection includes a time out feature, the time out feature sending a cancel program order that deauthorizes display of the program selection and prevents a charge for the selected program.
61. (original): The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the time out feature is in effect prior to the display of the program selection, and for five minutes thereafter.
62. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the program data includes intelligent alpha-numeric code to programs.
63. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 62, wherein the program selection can be entered into the apparatus to send the program selection.

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64. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the program selection can be entered into the apparatus by operation of a remote control coupled to the apparatus.

65-66. (cancelled).

67. (previously presented): An apparatus that provides digital broadcast television program ordering, comprising:

an order and authorization system that receives a program order for a terminal in a television distribution network and generates an authorization order that authorizes access to a program;

a billing system coupled to the order and authorization system, the billing system receiving the program order and generating a billing record; and

a broadcaster coupled to the order and authorization system that sends the program to the terminal, wherein the program is multiplexed with other digital broadcast television programs, wherein the broadcaster receives the authorization signal, the authorization signal providing a local authorization code addressed to the terminal, the local authorization code allowing the terminal to demultiplex, decrypt and display the program.

68. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the local authorization signal is multiplexed with the digital broadcast television programs, and wherein the terminal demultiplexes the local authorization code to access the program.

69. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the local authorization code is transmitted by the order and authorization system to the terminal.

70. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the program is listed in a program guide.

71. (original): The apparatus of claim 70, wherein the program guide is an electronic program guide.

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72. (cancelled).
73. (original): The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the electronic program guide is broadcast to the terminal by the broadcaster.
74. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the electronic program guide is in a format of a barker channel.
75. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 71, wherein the electronic program guide is a list of available programs.
76. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the program is one of a single event, a multiple event and a subscription.
77. (cancelled).
78. (original): The apparatus of claim 76, wherein the subscription includes a speciality channel subscription and a speciality program subscription.
79. (cancelled).
80. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the program is a hit movie channel.
81. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the program is a sporting channel.
82. (original): The apparatus of claim 78, wherein the sporting event subscription includes a full season subscription and a partial season subscription.

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83. (original): The apparatus of claim 81, wherein the sporting event subscription includes a favorite team subscription.
84. (cancelled).
85. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the billing record is used to debit a cash card included in the terminal, the billing system sending a debit signal corresponding to the billing record to the terminal.
86. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the order and authorization system includes a time out feature that allows cancellation of the program order without incurring a charge, the time out feature effective for a time prior to a start of the program and for a time after the start of the program.
87. (original): The apparatus of claim 86, wherein the time after start of the program is five minutes.
88. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the broadcaster is a national broadcaster.
89. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the broadcaster is a broadcast affiliate.
90. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the broadcaster is a local cable company.
91. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the broadcaster is a digital satellite broadcaster.
92. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided over-the-air.

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93. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided over a cable television system.
94. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the digital broadcast television programs are provided over a satellite system.
95. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the order and authorization system and the broadcaster are colocated.
96. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the order and authorization system and the broadcaster are colocated with the billing system.
97. (original): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the local authorization code includes a terminal address, a routing indicator, and a terminal identifier.
98. (cancelled).
99. (currently amended): A method for providing broadcast television digital programming, comprising:
generating program data related to the digital programming;
providing the program data;
displaying the program data as a program menu;
receiving a program order, the program order designating one or more programs for viewing;
subsequent to receiving the program order, sending a program authorization, wherein the program authorization provides a local authorization code that allows the broadcast television digital programming to be decrypted for viewing; and
subsequent to sending the program authorization, broadcasting the digital programming, wherein the program authorization provides access to the one or more

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programs designated by the program order, and wherein the one or more programs are multiplexed with other digital programs in the broadcast television digital programming.

100. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the digital programming and the programming data are broadcast over-the-air.

101. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the digital programming and the program data are broadcast over a cable television system.

102. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the digital programming is broadcast over-the-air and the program data is provided on an Internet web site.

103. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the digital programming is broadcast over a cable television system and the program data is provided on an Internet web page.

104. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the program order is received at a remote location.

105. (original): The method of claim 104, wherein the remote location is an order and authorization system.

106. (original): The method of claim 104, wherein the remote location is an Internet web page.

107. (original): The method of claim 104, wherein the remote location is a digital program broadcaster.

108. (cancelled).

109. (previously presented): The method of claim 107, wherein the digital program broadcaster is co-located with an order and authorization system.

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110. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the program data is provided to a terminal in a digital broadcast television environment.
111. (original): The method of claim 99, further comprising sending the program authorization from a remote location to a digital programming broadcaster.
112. (original): The method of claim 111, wherein the remote location is an Internet web page.
113. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the program authorization includes a local authorization code addressed to a terminal in a digital broadcast television environment, and wherein the sending step comprises multiplexing the program authorization with the digital programming.
114. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the program authorization includes a local authorization code addressed to a terminal in a digital broadcast television environment, and wherein the sending step comprises sending the local authorization code to a terminal in a digital broadcast television environment.
115. (original): The method of claim 99, further comprising:
waiting for a time out period to determine if a cancel order signal has been received, and if the cancel order signal is not received in the time out period;
sending the program order to a billing system, and
preparing a billing record.
116. (original): The method of claim 99, further comprising:
waiting for a time out period to determine if a cancel order signal has been received, and if the cancel order signal is received in the time out period:
generating a deauthorization signal; and

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transmitting the deauthorization signal, wherein the deauthorization signal removes access to a previously authorized program.

117. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the one or more programs include one of a single event, a multiple event and a subscription.

118. (original): The method of claim 117, wherein the local authorization code provides access to the single event on multiple occasions.

119. (original): The method of claim 117, wherein the subscription includes a speciality channel subscription and a speciality program subscription.

120. (cancelled).

121. (previously presented): The method of claim 99, wherein the one or more programs include a movie channel.

122. (previously presented): The method of claim 99, wherein the one or more programs include a sporting event.

123-124. (cancelled).

125. (original): The method of claim 99, wherein the order and authorization system includes a billing system, the billing system receiving the program order and generating a billing record.

126. (cancelled).

127. (currently amended): A method for providing digital broadcast programming to a terminal in a television network, comprising:
receiving a program order from the terminal;

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generating an authorization signal;

subsequent to receiving the program order, sending the generated authorization signal to the terminal;

subsequent to sending the generated authorization signal, broadcasting the program, wherein the program is multiplexed with other digital programs and wherein the authorization signal received by the terminal provides a code that the terminal uses to decrypt the program.

128. (original): The method of claim 127, wherein the authorization signal is multiplexed with the other digital programs, the terminal demultiplexing the authorization signal and the digital programs.

129. (original): The method of claim 127, wherein a remote site transmits the authorization signal and a broadcaster broadcasts the multiplexed digital programs.

130. (original): The method of claim 129, wherein the remote site is an order and authorization system.

131. (original): The method of claim 130, wherein the order and authorization system is colocated with the broadcaster.

132. (original): The method of claim 131, wherein the remote site is an Internet web site.

133. (original): The method of claim 129, wherein the broadcaster is one of a national broadcaster, a broadcast affiliate, a satellite broadcaster and a cable broadcaster.

134. (original): The method of claim 127, wherein the multiplexed digital programs are broadcast over-the-air.

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135. (original): The method of claim 127, wherein the multiplexed digital programs are broadcast over a cable television cable.
136. (original): The method of claim 127, wherein the multiplexed digital programs are broadcast over a satellite system.
137. (original): The method of claim 127, further comprising:
generating a program guide; and
transmitting the program guide, wherein program selections are made based on the program guide.
138. (original): The method of claim 137, wherein the program guide is broadcast to the terminal.
139. (original): The method of claim 137, wherein the program guide is provided at an Internet web site.
140. (cancelled).
141. (original): The method of claim 127, further comprising:
generating a billing record corresponding to the program order; and
charging an account of a subscriber who initiated the program order.
142. (currently amended): A method for providing digital broadcast programming to a first terminal in a television network, comprising:
receiving a program order from a second terminal;
generating an authorization code;
subsequent to receiving the program order, sending the generated authorization code to the first terminal;
subsequent to sending the generated authorization code, broadcasting the program, wherein the program is multiplexed with other digital programs and wherein the

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authorization code received by the first terminal provides a code that the first terminal uses to decrypt the program.

143. (original): The method of claim 142, wherein the authorization code is multiplexed with the other digital programs, the first terminal demultiplexing the authorization signal and the digital programs.

144. (original): The method of claim 142, wherein a remote site transmits the authorization code and a broadcaster broadcasts the multiplexed digital programs.

145. (original): The method of claim 144, wherein the remote site is an order and authorization system.

146. (original): The method of claim 145, wherein the order and authorization system is a network controller.

147. (original): The method of claim 145, wherein the order and authorization system is collocated with the broadcaster.

148. (original): The method of claim 145, wherein the remote site is an Internet web site.

149. (original): The method of claim 144, wherein the broadcaster is one of a national broadcaster, a broadcast affiliate, a satellite broadcaster and a cable broadcaster.

150. (original): The method of claim 144, wherein the remote site gathers programs watched information.

151. (currently amended): A method for providing multiple digital broadcast programs to a terminal in a television network, comprising:

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receiving a program order, wherein the program order requests access to more than one program being broadcast simultaneously;

generating an authorization signal;

subsequent to receiving the program order, sending the generated authorization signal to the terminal;

subsequent to sending the generated authorization signal, broadcasting the programs, wherein the programs are multiplexed with other digital programs and wherein the authorization signal received by the terminal provides a code that the terminal uses to decrypt the more than one programs.

152. (original): The method of claim 151, wherein the authorization signal is multiplexed with the other digital programs, the terminal demultiplexing the authorization signal and the more than one programs authorized for viewing by the authorization code

153. (original): The method of claim 151, wherein a remote site transmits the authorization signal and a broadcaster broadcasts the multiplexed digital programs.

154. (original): The method of claim 153, wherein the remote site is an order and authorization system.

155. (original): The method of claim 154, wherein the order and authorization system is collocated with the broadcaster.

156. (original): The method of claim 155, wherein the remote site is an Internet web site.

157. (original): The method of claim 153, wherein the broadcaster is one of a national broadcaster, a broadcast affiliate, a satellite broadcaster and a cable broadcaster.

158. (original): The method of claim 157, further comprising:
gathering subscriber specific data for a subscriber;

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generating subscriber specific menu data, based on the subscriber specific data; and providing a subscriber specific menu, based on the subscriber specific menu data, for viewing.

159. (original): The method of claim 158, wherein the subscriber specific data includes one of programs watched data, demographic data and subscriber queries.

160. (original): The method of claim 159, wherein the terminal gathers the programs watched data, based on programs played on the terminal.

161. (original): The method of claim 159, wherein the terminal transmits the gathered programs watched data to a remote location.

162. (original): The method of claim 161, wherein the location is one of a national broadcaster, a broadcast affiliate, and a local cable system.

163. (original): The method of claim 162, wherein the terminal transmits the gathered programs watched data via one of an asymmetric digital subscriber line, an integrated digital services network line, T1 and T3 lines, a cable modem, a telephone modem, a wireless modem, a local area network, and a fiber optic cable.

164. (original): The method of claim 158, wherein the programs watched data is gathered by one of the national broadcaster, the broadcast affiliate and the local cable system.

165. (original): The method of claim 158, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided at an Internet web site.

166. (original): The method of claim 165, wherein the specific subscriber is identified by one of an ANI, a cookie, an Internet address, a user name and a user identification

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167. (original): The method of claim 158, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided with a multiplexed program signal.

168. (original): The method of claim 158, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided out of band.

169. (previously presented): A system that provides digital broadcast television program ordering, comprising:

a processor that receives a program order for a terminal in a television distribution network and generates an authorization order that authorizes access to a program;

a billing system coupled to the processor, the billing system receiving the program order and generating a billing record; and

a broadcaster coupled to the processor that receives the authorization signal and sends the program to the terminal, wherein the program is multiplexed with other digital broadcast television programs, and wherein the authorization signal provides a local authorization code addressed to the terminal, the local authorization code allowing the terminal to demultiplex, decrypt and display the program.

170. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the local authorization code is multiplexed with the digital broadcast television programs, and wherein the terminal demultiplexes the local authorization code to access the program.

171. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the local authorization code is transmitted by the processor to the terminal.

172. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the program is listed in a program guide.

173. (original): The system of claim 172, wherein the program guide is an electronic program guide.

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174. (original): The system of claim 173, wherein the electronic program guide is provided on a web page on an Internet, and wherein the terminal accesses the web page to receive the electronic program guide.
175. (original): The system of claim 173, wherein the electronic program guide is broadcast to the terminal by the broadcaster.
176. (previously presented): The system of claim 173, wherein the electronic program guide is in a format of a barker channel.
177. (previously presented): The system of claim 173, wherein the electronic program guide is a list of available programs.
178. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the program is listed in a menu.
179. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the processor gathers subscriber specific data for a subscriber, generates subscriber specific menu data, based on the subscriber specific data and provides a subscriber specific menu, based on the subscriber specific menu data, for viewing.
180. (original): The system of claim 179, wherein the subscriber specific data includes one of programs watched data, demographic data and subscriber queries.
181. (original): The system of claim 180, wherein the programs watched data is based on programs played on the terminal.
182. (original): The system of claim 180, wherein the programs watched data is based on program orders received at the processor.
183. (original): The system of claim 179, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided at an Internet web site.

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184. (original): The system of claim 183, wherein the specific subscriber is identified by one of an ANI, a cookie, a user identification, a user name, and an Internet address.
185. (original): The system of claim 179, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided with a multiplexed program signal.
186. (original): The system of claim 179, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided out of band.
187. (original): The system of claim 169, wherein the terminal gathers subscriber specific data for a subscriber.
188. (original): The system of claim 187, wherein the subscriber specific data includes one of programs watched data and subscriber queries.
189. (original): The system of claim 188, wherein the subscriber specific data is provided to a remote location.
190. (original): The system of claim 189, wherein the remote location includes the processor.
191. (original): The system of claim 190, wherein the remote location is one of a national broadcaster, a broadcast affiliate, and a local cable system.
192. (original): The system of claim 190, wherein the processor generates subscriber specific menu data, based on the subscriber specific data, and provides a subscriber specific menu, based on the subscriber specific menu data, for viewing.
193. (original): The system of claim 189, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided at an Internet web site.

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194. (original): The system of claim 193, wherein the specific subscriber is identified by one of an ANI, a cookie, an Internet address, a user name, and a user identification.
195. (original): The system of claim 193, wherein the specific subscriber is identified by subscriber-provided data.
196. (original): The system of claim 189, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided with a multiplexed program signal.
197. (original): The system of claim 189, wherein the subscriber specific menu is provided out of band.
198. (original): The system of claim 187, wherein the terminal transmits the gathered subscriber specific data via one of an asymmetric digital subscriber line, an integrated digital services network line, T1 and T3 lines, a cable modem, a telephone modem, a wireless modem, a local area network, and a fiber optic cable.